

**STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, LEGAL RESEARCH  
AND LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Minutes of the 4 May, 2013 meeting held at the Michael Franck Building, Lansing, MI**

Present: Ann Baker, Jan Bissett, Sharon Barnes, Geraldine Brown, Kincaid Brown, Marlene Coir, Randy Davidson, Janice Selberg, Heather Simmons (by phone), Virginia Thomas.

Excused: Bernadette Bartlett, Barbara Garavaglia, Barbara Goldman, Laura Mancini, Marilyn Preston, Ruth Stevens, Thomas Weiss, Lance Werner.

Committee Chair, J.Selberg, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**Chair's Report**

Minutes of January 19, 2013 were presented and approved with no changes.

Monthly Bar Journal column status report: most of 2014 issues have been assigned a theme. The Chair called for members to consider writing at least one article in the next 18 months.

Committee's Self-Help website: Reviewed current use statistics with the spreadsheet provided by Sandra, SBM Webmaster.

The Chair discussed the turnover of the Committee chairmanship due to take place with the Fall 2013 meeting. Since no one has yet expressed an interest in the chair position, she called for members to consider alternatives. There followed a discussion of the possibilities of joint chairs, round-robin chairs and other possibilities. Discussion concluded with the Chair urging members to think about the issue over the summer.

**New Business:**

Marlene Coir gave a presentation and PowerPoint show on UELMA, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. As a member of an American Association of Law Libraries committee examining UELMA and its adoption as uniform state legislation, Marlene outlined the purpose of UELMA (to ensure that online state legal material deemed official will be preserved and will be permanently available to the public in unaltered form.) Eight states have adopted UELMA (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Oregon). Discussion followed as to the role of the Committee in obtaining support of the SBM and the Legislature in the adoption of this legislation in Michigan.

**Updates:**

The current status of the SOS Task Force on self-represented litigants was reported by Janice Selberg. Twelve half-day training sessions for public librarians across Michigan are underway; this first round will conclude in mid-October. Half-day sessions covering legal advice versus legal information, a profile of the Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) along with the problems in

rendering assistance, and an in-depth look at MichiganLegalHelp.org, are conducted by Laura Mancini, Kim Koscielniak, Bernadette Bartlett, Janice Selberg, Eric Kennedy, Caitlin Hoag, and Julianne Claydon. Others, including members of this Committee, have contributed to the research manual for non-law librarians, which will be released and distributed soon.

Geraldine Brown mentioned the discontinuance of the *Michigan Appellate Digest*, effective Monday, July 1. There followed a discussion of the possibility of urging the Courts/SCAO to reconsider. Issue to be revisited at a later date.

Member reports followed.

Meeting Adjourned, 12:00 pm

**Next Meeting: Nov 16, 2013 Michael Franck Building, Lansing**